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¶1. (C) Polecon Chief delivered reftel points to Leon Marc, MFA Director for the Western Balkans, on May 14. Marc said the GOS fully supports moving ahead with a Security Council resolution at this time and is, in general, happy with the wording of the current draft.

¶2. (C) Marc highlighted one word - non-consensual - which he thought might be open to a specific interpretation by Serbia and have unintended consequences. In the preamble, paragraph 4, which reads "...including the historical context of Yugoslavia's violent and non-consensual break-up..." Marc thought this could support the Serbian interpretation that Slovenia, Croatia and others "seceded" from Yugoslavia, as opposed to the Badinter Commission which called it a "dissolution." Understanding that there are probably many reasons why the language was used, Marc said Slovenia was not interested in causing a serious disruption over this wording. He did say that if the word could be removed, it would likely avoid stirring the pot on where the responsibility for the violent breakup of Yugoslavia lies - something no one is anxious to revisit.  
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